



Nanohana - MIS Newsletter

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From Mr. Trent Citrano, Head of School

Music Recitals - A Big Hit!



Once again, we were blessed to be able to listen to and watch our very talented musicians at nine different grade-level music recitals this week. In all, 77 students performed for attentive audiences of their peers. More than ever before in the history of MIS! Students played piano, violin, guitar, drums, and ukulele as well as several who sang, danced or played an instrument and sang.

Time and time again we were wowed at how remarkably gifted our children are. It is obvious that they have spent many, many hours practicing and growing as musicians. Our children deserve another huge round of applause for their efforts and the level to which those efforts have taken them.

We hope that all of the parents were able to enjoy the videos of these recitals that were sent out to you. A big thank you to Mr. Satterwhite for arranging not only all nine recitals, but also in coordinating the audio, video and all of the equipment-technology involved to make this year's Music Recitals virtually-accessible to the widest audience ever. This is no small feat and we truly appreciate it! More photos on page 4.

Calendar

Per MIS's Return to School Operation Protocols, in order to prevent the risk of COVID-19, events are limited.

Monday 02 November

G6 Mock Interviews

Tuesday 03 November

Culture Day

No School

Wednesday 04 November

G6 Mock Interviews

Thursday 05 November

G6 Mock Interviews

K2, G1, G5 ENT Checks

Friday 06 November

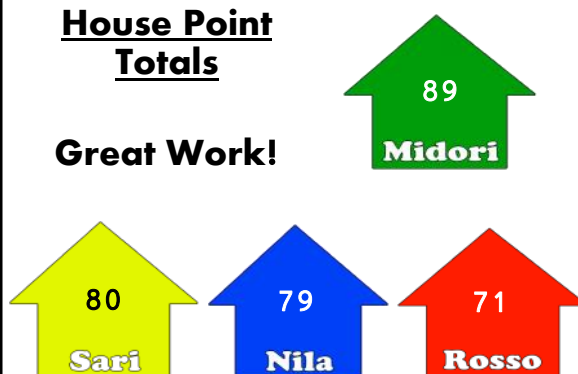
G6 Mock Interviews

K1 Trip to Daijionji Temple for Sweet Potato Picking



House Point Totals

Great Work!



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Kindergarten News

From Mrs. Laura McKeown, Kindergarten Coordinator



Book Week and Halloween Celebrations

This week in Kindergarten we have reflected on the fun we had during Book Week. We hope you have enjoyed looking at our photographs on Seesaw and watching our parade video created by Mr. Mills and Mr. Satterwhite.

From one fun event to the next, we have also discussed Halloween this week. Halloween is celebrated all over the world in different ways. Most Americans spend Halloween dressing up and trick-or-treating. Other countries have their own celebratory rituals. In Scotland and Ireland, we call trick-or-treating "Guising". From November 1 to November 2, in Mexico and other parts of Latin America people celebrate Día de los Muertos (Day of the Dead) to honor those who have passed away.



Although Halloween will be very different around the world this year, we have tried to lift the children's spirits in Kindergarten by having smaller celebrations. No matter how you celebrate Halloween this year, I hope you have a great time together as a family.

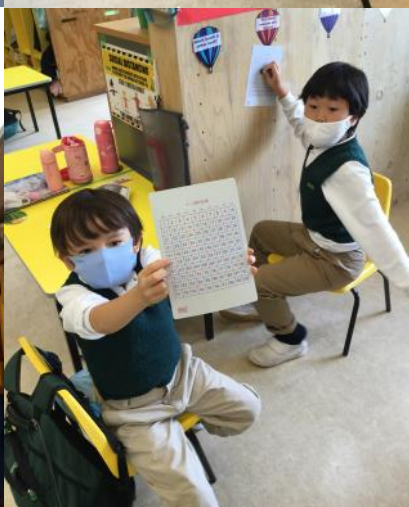
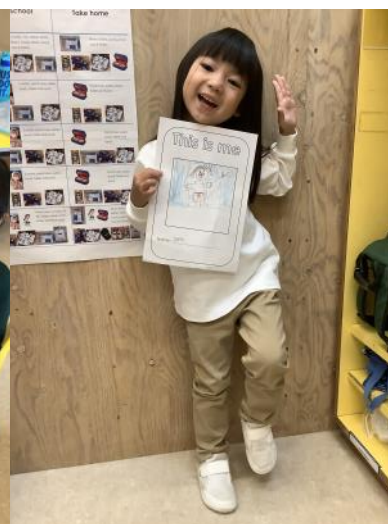
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K1:
Making Pumpkins in Japanese Time!

K2:
Junk Modelling and Drawing Self-Portraits!

K3:
Using Hundred Squares to Find 10 More or Less!





G5 Receive and Donate MIS Rice to Charity

This Tuesday, all of the Grade 5 students and staff gathered on the playground to meet with our rice paddy consultant, Tashiro-san. Tashiro-san shared that after threshing and finishing, we ended up netting over 6 kilograms of rice from our MIS Rice Paddy this year. The students were overjoyed and interviewed Tashiro-san more about the rice. Amongst many details he shared, Tashiro-san expressed his pride that this rice is native to Chiba Prefecture. The next day our students donated the rice to the Chiba City Council of Social Welfare who will ensure that the rice goes to help those in need. What an excellent Global Citizenship lesson and opportunity overall for our students!



Things Are Blooming in Grade 1

The children in Grade 1 planted Komatsuna (Japanese mustard spinach) and viola seeds last month. Some have grown well and some haven't, so in Kokugo lessons, they thought about and discussed why this was so and what they could do to help them grow better. They also carefully observed the colors, shapes, smells of the plants, followed by writing about their observations. They will carry on looking after the plants, and hopefully will be able to have pretty flowers outside of the G1 classrooms!





Music Recitals



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Book Week Class Winners

Congratulations to these students for excelling in their class Book Week Challenge. Each grade-level offered a different challenge to their students to creatively approach. While there were so many amazing entries from our talented MIS students from K1-G6, these were those that stood out as being outstanding. Well done to everyone who participated!



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